

# A PEST HOLE, IS THE HILO JAIL

Official Report Exposes Shocking Conditions—Prisoners Are Suffering.

## BERIBERI IS PREVALENT

Direct Blame Put Upon Jailor in Charge—Improperly Cooked Food Given.

(Mail Special to The Advertiser.)  
HILO, January 6.—The volcanic road jail scandal comes another sharp criticism of local jail conditions, the supervisors adopting a report, resulting to a crisp administration of the Hilo jail. The report was prepared by Supervisor Kaunane, who was recently appointed a committee to investigate the jail, and it was adopted without a single dissenting vote. It read in full as follows:

"Your committee appointed for the purpose of investigating the conditions existing at the Hilo jail begs leave to report as follows:

### Unsanitary and Filthy.

"On the 2nd of January, 1913, your committee, accompanied by Sheriff S. K. Fua, visited the Hilo jail and made a careful investigation and examination of conditions at the said jail. The place was found to be in a very unsanitary and filthy state. Receptacles containing slop and refuse, which appeared not to have been emptied for a considerable period, were lying near that portion of the jail which is used by the prisoners as a dining room. From these receptacles issued a considerable stench.

### Beriberi in Wards.

"Your committee found about eight or ten prisoners suffering from sickness, the symptoms of which indicated the disease known as beriberi. Doctor S. Yamamoto who was called to examine these sick prisoners stated that one of them was badly affected by the said disease. He further stated that others, if not given proper care immediately, would become victims of the said disease. He recommends that these sick prisoners be separated from the others in order to prevent the said disease from spreading.

### Food Unfit.

"As to the food furnished the prisoners, your committee found that the same is not properly cooked and prepared. Although there is no regular hired cook, your committee feels that the jailor in charge of the jail could have the food cooked and prepared in a proper manner by personally supervising the prisoners directed to do this work.

### Incompetent and Impertinent.

"For the unsatisfactory and disgraceful state of affairs existing at the jail your committee directly places the blame upon the jailor in charge of the same. It seems that there has been much laxity upon his part in attending to his duties as such jailor. His frequent requests for an increase of his salary, in view of these circumstances, are impertinent, to say the least.

### Work or Be Fired.

"Your committee recommends that the sheriff be notified and requested to instruct the jailor to fully perform the work for which he is paid, and if after reasonable time conditions are not remedied, to replace the said jailor by one who would be more competent and willing to carry out the work.

### Your committee further recommends

that an appropriation be made for the erection of a small building to be used as a hospital for sick prisoners."

## SOME THINGS IN HIS ANNUAL MESSAGE

With the aid of the members of the coming legislature Governor Frear hopes to be able during the approaching session of that body to witness the enactment of legislation which in his opinion has long been needed in this Territory. The Territory's Chief Executive refreshed and rested after his recent cruise to the islands in the western end of his jurisdiction, so announced as he took up his official duties yesterday afternoon.

"I am going right back to the harness and in a way have already started," said the Governor. "My message to the next legislature will embody every problem and question which I deem of importance to the welfare of the people of the Territory. At this time, it is difficult to outline what it will contain, but among other things I will recommend a Public Utilities Act. This should be framed along the lines which have proved of so much value to the States where similar laws are now in force. This act will give the Territory ample powers to regulate and direct the public utilities corporations operating in this Territory.

"A workmen's compensation law will be another recommendation. I have given this considerable attention and will urge the adoption of the most progressive measure. New York, Illinois, Oregon, Washington and several other States have workmen's compensation laws which actually afford protection to the workman. We could well pattern after these States in this direction.

"Yes, I have continued to give considerable thought to the new charter for the City and County of Honolulu," he continued. "My views on this question are quite well known and will be again expressed in my forthcoming message. I am heartily in favor of the new charter, providing, as it does, for the short ballot and commission form of government. This will put our government on a substantial basis, make it more responsible where it

should belong and give the people an opportunity to express their will at the polls.

"Judging from the report from the mainland published in The Advertiser this morning my resignation apparently has been held up by the senate. But that is something I have not given much thought to. The senate will be in session for some time yet and it is difficult to tell what will take place before final adjournment.

"My correspondence has piled up during my absence. I have had no time to read it as yet, and a scarcely know what has transpired at Washington since my departure for the west a few weeks ago.

"It is news to me to hear the report that Kaho is coming back from Washington in an effort to block any legislation I may urge. Yet this is a free country and every man has a right to do as he pleases, as long as he remains within the law.

"There is too much work ahead for all citizens of the Territory to do, to give all our time to politics. We are on the eve of the greatest era in the history of these islands and if we will put our shoulder to the wheel and work out the development of our opportunities we won't have time to worry over political questions."

## BURNETT BILL WILL BAR ONE QUARTER

WASHINGTON, December 28.—It is claimed by immigration officials, steamship companies and labor contractors that the Burnett Immigration Bill, which has passed the house and is now in the senate committee, will create an unworkable check to the labor supply of the country if the bill becomes a law.

The passage of the bill does not depend on party lines, the chief members interested in the house being immigration restrictionists or anti-restrictionists, regardless of party affiliation. Chairman Burnett of the immigration and naturalization committee introduced the amended bill at the request of the committee on immigration in lieu of the bills of Mr. Gardner, Mr. Hayes and Mr. Burnett.

The extent to which the literacy test would limit immigration may be inferred from the immigration returns of the fiscal year ended June 30, 1910, when the total immigration was 1,941,570. The number of these who could neither read nor write was 188,439 males and 65,130 females. Of these only a small proportion could read but not write, namely, 2583 males and 1988 females. The nationalities that would chiefly be affected would be South Italians, of whom there were in 1910 70,563 males and 18,890 females unable to read or write; Polish, 29,598 and 11,900; Slavs, 11,104 and 1925; and Ruthenians, 10,600 and 2878. The illiterates over fourteen years of age admitted in 1910 were twenty-eight per cent of the total immigrants.

In 1910 the total number barred for various reasons, not literacy, was 24,270.

During the three months July to October of the present year 374,389 immigrant aliens were admitted and 6433 deported. The States that would feel most the check to immigrant labor would be New York, which in the year ending June 30, 1912, received 239,275; Pennsylvania, 109,625; Massachusetts, 70,171; Illinois, 67,118; and New Jersey, 47,211.

The text of the Burnett Bill is as follows:

"A bill to further restrict the admission of aliens into the United States.

"Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, that after four months from the approval of this act in addition to the aliens who are by law now excluded from admission into the United States the following persons shall also be excluded from admission thereto, to-wit: All aliens over sixteen years of age, physically capable of reading, who cannot read the English language, or the language or dialect of some other country, including Hebrew or Yiddish; Provided, That any admissible alien or any alien heretofore, or hereafter, legally admitted, or any citizen of the United States may bring in or send for his father or grandfather over fifty-five years of age, his wife, his mother, his grandmother, or his unmarried or widowed daughter, if otherwise admissible, whether such relative can read or not; and such relatives shall be permitted to land.

"Section 2. That for the purpose of ascertaining whether aliens can read or not the immigrant inspectors shall be furnished with copies of uniform slips, prepared under the direction of the secretary of commerce and labor, each containing not less than thirty nor more than forty words in ordinary use, printed in plain type in the various languages and dialects of immigrants. Each alien may designate the particular language or dialect in which he desires the examination to be made, and shall be required to read the words printed on the slip in such language or dialect. No two aliens coming in the same vessel or other vehicle of carriage or transportation shall be tested with the same slip.

"Section 3. That the following classes of persons shall be exempt from the operation of this act, to-wit: (a) All aliens who shall prove to the satisfaction of the proper immigration officer or to the secretary of commerce and labor that they are seeking admission to the United States solely for the purpose of escaping from religious persecution; (b) all aliens in transit through the United States; (c) all aliens who have been lawfully admitted to the United States and who later shall go in transit from one part of the United States to another through foreign contiguous territory.

"Section 4. That an alien refused admission to the United States under the provisions of this act shall be sent back to the country whence he came in the manner provided by section 19 of 'An act to regulate immigration of aliens into the United States,' approved February 20, 1907."

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# DESIRED AUDIT ORDERED AT LAST

Senate Committee Asks Only For Facts of Big Island Finances.

(Mail Special to The Advertiser.)

HILO, January 6.—The last letter which the old board of supervisors received from Honolulu was one from Chairman Judd of the senate "holdover committee," notifying it that the committee "has employed the Audit Company of Hawaii, Ltd., to make an audit of the books of the County of Hawaii for this committee at its own expense." He adds that "the committee desires to express its appreciation of the spirit of cooperation in this matter expressed by the board of supervisors."

Mr. Judd enclosed a copy of the letter of instructions sent the audit company, as follows:

"You will proceed at your early convenience to audit the books of the County of Hawaii, acting in behalf of the senate holdover committee on ways and means. This audit to be made for the committee is with the approval of the supervisors of the County of Hawaii as shown by the report of the financial committee of the supervisors, adopted at the meeting of the board on December 6, 1912, a copy of which is inclosed. I inclose also a copy of the senate resolution under which the committee is acting.

"The necessity of an audit of the county books was suggested to this committee by the Hilo Board of Trade, a copy of whose communication with its exhibits is also inclosed.

### The Truth Wanted.

"If there is nothing substantial in the matters suggested in the exhibits to the board of trade's communication, the senate committee should be so advised by you. On the other hand, if there has been any in-correct, improper or incomplete administration of county financial affairs on Hawaii, the committee wants to know what the trouble is and how to cure it.

"The committee desires you to make an investigation which will result in constructive more than in destructive criticism. If things are found not satisfactory, the committee will be more concerned with the changes which should be made to safeguard the proper administration of the county's financial affairs than it will be to have pointed out those individuals who may have been responsible for the conditions found.

"While a complete and detailed audit of the books of the county from 1905 to date would be most desirable, the funds at the disposal of the senate committee are limited. You must use your own judgment as to how far to extend your examination in order to accomplish the objects set forth above."

## GOVERNOR FREAR AND PARTY BATTLE

Literally chased ashore by a school of monster man-eating sharks, compelled in their flight from the ferocious selachians to empty their revolvers and rifles at the charging creatures and escaping only when they had reached the sandy beach of Pearl and Hermes Island, was, perhaps, the most exciting feature of the long and interesting cruise of Governor Walter F. Frear, former Attorney General Alex. Lindsay and David T. Fullaway, who returned yesterday morning from Midway, Laysan and intermediate islands on the United States revenue cutter, Thetis, Captain C. S. Cochran.

The Thetis, conveying Governor Frear and party and several scientists, cleared from Honolulu December 15 last, and were away twenty-three days. Practically twenty days of this time was spent at sea.

Sea rough weather was experienced, according to the returning pilgrims, but the trip was enjoyed and everyone had a good time. Mr. Lindsay felt well as long as he kept to his quarters, so it was reported. Several times he made valiant efforts to accustom himself to the roll of the sea and the motion of the ship, but it was a difficult task.

Governor Frear and his companions, however, were the picture of health when they stepped ashore shortly after noon yesterday. The Thetis was sighted ten miles off shore early in the morning. A salute of thirteen guns greeted the voyagers as the Thetis dropped anchor at its old berth in the harbor.

### Everything Lovely.

Secretary Mott-Smith, Attorney General Thayer and a number of friends were present to greet the party.

Within an hour after his arrival, Governor Frear was at his office in the Capitol ready to begin his official duties. His office had been prepared for his arrival, a massive banquet of American Beauty roses and other floral offerings banking the mantle near his desk. Despite the mountain of work which awaited him, he found time to discuss the trip.

"We had a grand time," he said. "Though we made only brief stops of a few hours at each of the islands we had an opportunity to observe much and had several mild adventures. The bathing in the lagoons was one of the pleasant features. The great stretches of smooth, sandy beaches excelled even our Waikiki."

The Governor did not attempt to take any credit for the experience with the man-eating sharks at Pearl and Hermes Island. This is a submerged island, surrounded by a reef, some miles from Laysan. Portions of the island appear just above the water. The Thetis dropped anchor outside the reef and for six miles Governor Frear and party, several of whom were armed, looked across the submerged area.

### Experience With Sharks.

The party hoped to secure the hides of some of the hair seals, which are sometimes found in that vicinity, but had scarcely started in the small boats when they were followed across the reef by a school of sharks. The man-eaters, apparently without fear, swam close to the boat. As the party attempted to make ashore to one of the exposed portions of the island the sharks literally charged upon their prospective prey. Waterman J. Fullaway, assisted by the aid of the leaders. The sailors also

opened fire. This had the effect of checking the voracious man-eaters and they retreated, leaving a wide stream of crimson in their wake. None of the sharks were captured, said the Governor. At one time, while fishing, he had one on his hook, but it snapped the line in two and escaped.

### Transforming Midway.

Only a brief stop was made at Midway. Governor Frear says the work now planned by Manager Morrison, in charge of this lovely South Pacific station, is deserving of commendation. The island, for the most part, is a barren sand waste, a few feet above the water. Manager Morrison has planted trees and grass about the station, dug wells and built receptacles for catching the rain water.

Almonds and banyan trees are growing there now. Papayas are also thriving. Sweet potatoes and other vegetables are being raised. Chickens, pigs and canaries also thrive. The canaries were not kept in cages by Manager Morrison. Instead, they were turned loose on the island and are rapidly multiplying.

A small island close to Midway where there is more vegetation is inhabited by a number of burros. These are also increasing rapidly in numbers, says the Governor.

### Paradise for Birds.

It was at Laysan that Biologist Willett and party landed. Willett and his aides have been sent to the island to aid in exterminating rabbits which have overrun that place. The island is about two miles in length and one mile in width. Willett estimated that there were at least 30,000 rabbits on this place and their numbers growing daily. Governor Frear and party spent two weeks hunting rabbits while stores were being unloaded from the Thetis. In that time they killed more than fifty. A week later when the Thetis returned to the island, Willett and his assistants had killed more than eight hundred of the pests. The rabbits live in burrows and rapidly destroy the vegetation on the island. Though the scientists were engaged in shooting the rabbits it is believed they will finally decide to exterminate them with poison.

Despite the presence of the rabbits the island was found fairly alive with birds. Albatrosses were engaged in hatching and raising their young. Plover and curlew appeared plentiful. Several ducks were also seen. A peculiar bird of dull plumage, but incapable of flying, was also numerous.

Willett and his party hope to finish their work on Laysan within two months.

### Seal for Museum.

After their experience with the sharks at Pearl and Hermes Island, Governor Frear and party encountered a number of seals asleep on the little island. Two of them were killed. The seals, though frightened, made no attempt to escape, and allowed the members of the party to touch them before they sought safety in the sea.

The skin and bones of these seals will be mounted and added to the collection at the Bishop Museum. Two live turtles were also brought back from the island.

On route home the lookout in the crow's nest of the Thetis one morning spoke a ship off the starboard bow of the revenue cutter. Captain Cochran had the Thetis brought to in order to hail the strange vessel, only to learn that they were passing Frigate Island, so named because of its peculiar formation rising from the sea and giving an outline of a barkentine, all sails set. No attempt was made to stop at this island.

### Protection Brings Results.

Governor Frear warmly approves of the action by the government in making a bird reserve of the numerous small islands west of Honolulu.

"The protection thus insured the birds of these islands is working wonders in the increase of the flocks," he said. "With the elimination of the ruthless slaughter by Japanese and others who sought the birds for their plumage, their numbers are increasing rapidly and they are surprisingly tame. So seldom do they see a human being that they looked upon us with as much curiosity as perhaps we would have done in seeing a strange creature. But they did not seem to have any fear."

The scientists who were left at Laysan were provided with an ample supply of provisions and equipment to make their two-months' stay in their lonely tropical station as comfortable as possible. The party consists of Commodore G. S. Salisbury, George Willett, a Los Angeles biologist; W. S. Wallace, an expert on various forms of sea life, and A. M. Bailey, a taxidermist, who will prepare such specimens as are gathered by the party.

In addition to two seal skins and caracases and two live turtles, Governor Frear and party brought back a varied collection of sea snails, wild canaries and other birds, most of which will be given to the Bishop Museum.

## MAJOR OF TWENTY-FIFTH DEFENDS MEN

SPOKANE, Washington, December 25.—"I have served eleven years with negro troops and eleven years with white troops. I have found the negroes the better behaved, the more amenable to discipline, and more inclined to be interested in their work as soldiers," said Major F. B. Gose today. He commands two battalions of the Twenty-Fifth Infantry, colored, at Fort George Wright. He does not favor the elimination of colored troops from the army.

## ASKS APPROVAL OF PLAN TO ELECT U. S. SENATORS

BOISE, Idaho, January 8.—(By Associated Press Cable.)—Asking the legislature for its approval of the constitutional amendment to the United States constitution permitting the direct election of senators by the people, Governor Blaine of Idaho, yesterday, sent a message to the legislature, which is now being acted upon by that body.

## CITY RAILWAY PAYS.

SAN FRANCISCO, January 7.—(By Associated Press Cable to The Star-Herald.)—The first weekly report of the new municipal railway, known as the Geary street line, was made public today. The figures show that the road has earned \$125 net on the first week's business done, with every prospect that the figures will be materially increased later.

Mrs. Mildred Carr was a departing passenger yesterday in the Manchuria, and will reside at her home in San Francisco.

# OFFICIALS WILL FLOCK TO HAWAII

Aires Department Heads Have Business Calls to the Big Island.

Hilo will soon have the pleasure of greeting several of the high and mighty heads of territorial departments, no less than three of these having indicated their intention to visit that town within the next few weeks.

The first of these to arrive will probably be Superintendent of Public Works Bishop. He will look into the construction of the new wharf, as well as various other things connected with his department, and will probably also attend a loan fund commission meeting. Land Commissioner Tucker has several important matters of business which will take him to the Big Island in the near future. He intends to be in Hilo to conduct the sale of the Waikuku river water license, which will be put up at auction at the request of the street railway interests. Mr. Tucker states that he has reason to believe that there would be competition for this valuable water power right.

The opening of the residence lots at Hakaia-iki, will soon be proceeded with. It is the land commissioner's intention to sell these lots outright without any restrictions of any kind whatever.

Later, Mr. Tucker will take up the matter of the opening of the Waimann wet lands which are so eminently suitable for Hawaiian homes. The land commissioner appears to take a kindly interest in this proposition. He has told the intending settlers that no one else will be given a chance to secure these lands before they get an opportunity to go them, and it is his intention to go ahead with the proposition as soon as possible.

A third department head who intends to go to Hawaii very soon is Treasurer Lloyd Conkling.

# RISKS LIFE FOR VOLCANIC GASES

Doctor Shepherd of Government Laboratory Gets Samples for Analysis.

(From Wednesday Advertiser.)

Dr. E. S. Shepherd, the scientist who spent many months at the Volcano of Kilauea conducting heat experiments, making several perilous descents into the pit in the course of his work of securing samples of gases, left Hilo last Friday and is registered at the Young Hotel here on his return journey to Washington, where he will do his laboratory work.

The evening before his departure from Hilo he was the guest of honor at a dinner given by Judge Parsons. During his stay on Hawaii Doctor Shepherd made a circle of Hilo friends who will miss him greatly. "I don't believe these experiments will reduce the high cost of living," said Doctor Shepherd yesterday afternoon, when asked what he thought would be the benefits derived from the analyzing of the gases he secured from the pit of Halemaunuu. "Of course there will be benefits, every effort results in some benefit, even sweeping the floor has its benefits, but I can not say yet what they will be. I have the gases and when I get to Washington they will be analyzed—then we will know something more about the interior workings of the earth; I guess that's all."

"Gases can be obtained from the edge of the volcano and many samples have been taken but the gas we were after was the gas which had not been burned or mingled with other vapors such as water, dust and smoke. I believe these are the first gases that have ever been obtained from the volcano. It is impossible to secure samples from the volcanoes along the Mediterranean because they are the explosive kind, and so we chose the volcano on Hawaii."

"Doctor Day came with me last May and we secured our first samples; then the volcano began to kick up and Doctor Day returned, leaving me to finish up the work. If our tests and analyses of the samples are not successful we will return and try it over again. Our idea in collecting the specimens was to learn something more about the formation and chemical construction of the gases of the inner earth."

This work was undertaken by the geophysical laboratory of Washington, with the assistance of Professor Jagger and Mr. Wood of the Hawaiian volcano laboratory.

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CHICAGO, January 8.—(By Associated Press Cable.)—Frank Chance will probably sign tomorrow the articles of agreement which will constitute him manager of the New York Club of the American League. It is rumored that his salary will be close to \$20,000 a year for a term of at least three years and he to be given an interest in the club. Chance arrived here from Los Angeles and immediately went into consultation with President Farrell, who came from New York purposely to meet Chance and try to close the deal they have been negotiating for a long while over the breadth of the land.

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